

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Children are South Dakota's most vital and valuable resources; and,

Whereas, Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers, and all parents and families have hopes and goals for their children; and,

Whereas, Parents' involvement in their children's learning prior to school entrance is essential for school readiness; and,

Whereas, Parents' involvement in children's education is a determining factor in their academic success; and,

Whereas, South Dakota recognizes the important role that parents, guardians, grandparents, and other family members play in children's learning and education; and,

Whereas, Education is the foundation of our democratic society and provides the opportunity for children to reach the highest levels of achievement and to live productive lives; and,

Whereas, South Dakota is dedicated to providing the high quality education all children deserve in accessible, welcoming environments; and,

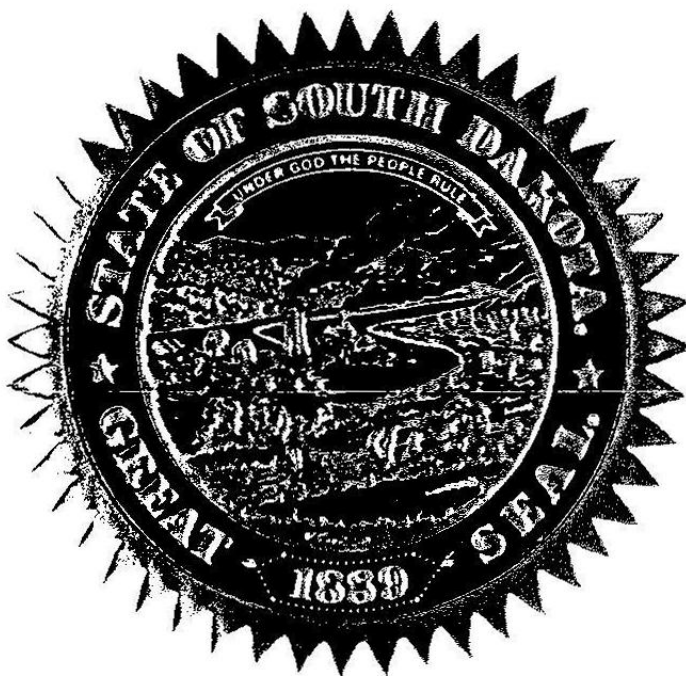
Whereas, When parents work with schools supported by communities in shared partnerships, children become lifelong learners and community contributors:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2008 as

PARENT INVOLVEMENT MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Terese J. Bray, Deputy
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State